# **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

# 2014 Kudzu Management Project For Indiana

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#### 1.0 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

# 1.1 Proposed Action

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology proposes a project to treat kudzu populations in late summer or autumn of 2014. The proposed action includes 53 sites in 24 counties in Indiana which totals an estimated 61.35 acres (Table 1 below and maps in Appendix B).

Table 1. Number of Treatment Sites and Acres by County for 2014.

COUNTY	TREATMENT SITES	TREATMENT ACRES
Clark	6	4.18
Crawford	2	1.06
Clay	4	9.20
Dubois	6	4.22
Floyd	1	1.02
Gibson	2	2.10
Greene	1	3.0
Harrison	2	2.71
Jefferson	1	0.23
Jennings	6	6.35
Knox	1	1.79
Lake	1	0.20
LaPorte	2	0.24
Lawrence	3	2.10
Martin	3	0.57
Morgan	1	1.45
Orange	2	1.83
Owen	1	0.34
Posey	1	0.65
Starke	1	0.20
Sullivan	2	5.89
Vigo	1	1.75
Warrick	2	9.59
Washington	1	0.68
Total Proposed Project	53	61.35

# 1.2 Project Objectives

The objectives of this proposed project are to; 1) eradicate kudzu populations from the proposed treatment sites to prevent populations from spreading in the State of Indiana, 2) manage kudzu population growth in the proposed treatment sites if eradication is not feasible, and 3) decrease kudzu leaf surface area to reduce potential reservoirs for invasive insects and pathogens.

#### 1.3 Need for Action

Kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*) is a non native plant species to the United States. Kudzu populations outcompete native plant species and eventually replace native species because of the lack of effective natural enemies here in the United States. This change in plant habitat can cause the loss of habitat and food for existing wildlife, alter soil chemistry and structure, replace and possibly lead to the local extinction of native sensitive, threatened or endangered species, increase ozone levels, and harbor pathogenic plant diseases or invasive insect species which may spread to other plant species.

Kudzu is a host plant for Asian soybean rust (*Phakopsora pachyrhizi*) which has been shown to reduce soybean yields from 10 to 80% (CRS 2005). It is also a host for the non native bean plataspid (*Megacopatera cribraria*) which has shown to cause crop loss of up to 50% in soybeans and other legumes in its native region (USDA 2010).

Mechanical and cultural control methods alone for kudzu often fail because of the quick growth rate of the plants. Kudzu vines can grow one foot per day (Alabama Coop. Extension 1999) and cover trees and shrubs, leading to decline and death. Populations left untreated eventually spread beyond accessible control methods for landowners and can impose significant costs. Nine sites occur on Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands and landowners may find it necessary to control invasive plant species for wildlife management, native plant preservation, or for access to areas for timber stand management.

Survey of proposed treatment sites in Indiana has shown that sites left untreated continue to grow at a high rate. Sites in Indiana that have went untreated over a five year period have on average a 170% to 290% increase from the original measured acreage. The Indiana DNR, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology documented 158 kudzu sites in 39 counties covering approximately 153.90 acres. Approximately 67.1% of the sites are less than one acre; however there are sites as large as nearly eight acres. Sites proposed for treatment in 2014 include sites which are still possible to eradicate and sites which have increased in size and need to be managed in order to prevent those sites from spreading to adjacent lands.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology is dedicated to protecting natural resources and preventing the spread of invasive species. If no action is taken, kudzu populations will continue to spread and displace native species.

Therefore, the "No action" alternative is not preferred due to the desire of state officials to eradicate kudzu populations from the proposed treatment sites, manage kudzu population growth in the proposed treatment sites if eradication is not feasible, and decrease kudzu leaf surface area to reduce potential reservoirs for invasive insects and pathogens. Indiana Administrative Code 312 IAC 18-3-16(f) declares that kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*) is a pest in the State of Indiana and is subject to elimination from a property.

#### 1.4 Decisions to be Made and Responsible Officials

The preferred alternative in this document proposes that the IDNR treat populations of kudzu in Indiana. The decision to be made by the responsible IDNR official is to choose which of the

alternatives presented in this document best meets the objective of the proposed action, and thus the needs of the people of Indiana. In addition, the decision will have to be made as to whether or not any significant environmental impacts could result from the implementation of this project. If there are none, this will be documented in a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). If significant environmental impacts are found and the project is to continue, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared.

The alternatives analyzed for this environmental assessment are:

- 1. No action (no proposed project)
- 2. Treatment with clopyralid
- 3. Treatment with glyphosate
- 4. Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl
- 5. Treatment with triclopyr
- 6. Treatment with clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl and/or triclopyr

The responsible official for the implementation of the cooperative project in the Indiana DNR is:

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## 1.5 Scope of the Analysis

This document is a site specific analysis of the alternatives and environmental impacts of treating kudzu populations in Indiana. This document supports Indiana Environmental Policy (IC 13-12-3) and evaluation of State projects through the environmental assessment process (IC 13-12-4). Federal funding is not utilized by the State of Indiana to implement this project and therefore, it is not subject to the environmental analysis required of The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), 42 USC 4321 et. seq.

# 1.6 Summary of Public Involvement and Notification

A total of 58 landowners were contacted and notified of the proposed treatment. The notification process to landowners involved a combination of direct personal contact, phone and mailings. Of these landowners, 51 voluntarily signed an agreement allowing the proposed treatment to occur on their property. Seven additional landowners gave verbal permission allowing treatments to occur on their property.

Information gathered from landowners, resource professionals and technical literature was used to develop issues and concerns related to the proposed project. They are grouped into two categories; 1) issues used to formulate alternatives, and 2) other issues and concerns.

#### 1.7 Issues Used to Formulate the Alternatives

Each of the major issues is introduced in this section. Discussion pertaining directly to each issue as it relates to the alternatives can be found in Chapter 4.

**Issue 1 – Effects on Nontarget Organisms and Environmental Quality.** The major concerns under this issue are: 1) the impact of treatment materials to nontarget organisms, including threatened and endangered species, and susceptible plant species that may be in the treatment sites, 2) translocation of treatment materials from the site into adjacent soil, water and air, 3) potential soil erosion from removal of kudzu, and 3) the future impacts of kudzu populations on the natural resources.

**Issue 2 – Human Health and Safety.** The major concern under this issue is the potential effect of the treatment materials on humans.

**Issue 3 – Likelihood of Success of the Project.** The objectives of this proposed project are to; 1) eradicate kudzu populations from the proposed treatment sites to prevent populations from spreading in the State of Indiana, 2) manage kudzu population growth in the proposed treatment sites if eradication is not feasible, and 3) decrease kudzu leaf surface area to reduce potential reservoirs for invasive insects and pathogens. Alternatives vary in their likelihood for success for the current project.

Issue 4 – Economic and Political Impacts of Treatment vs. Non-Treatment. Kudzu populations can have significant economic impacts due to increasing costs over time of landowners to manage the spread of this invasive plant across their property. The spread of kudzu into a site can make access into and use of that land difficult for recreational use, wildlife management or timber management. The increase in kudzu populations within the State of Indiana increases the amount of kudzu leaf surface area available to serve as a potential reservoir for invasive insects and pathogens. These invasive species can result in economic losses for soybean growers.

#### 1.8 Other Concerns and Questions

Other agencies were consulted (see Appendix B). Information from these sources was used to develop management guidelines, treatment constraints, and mitigating measures.

#### 1.9 Summary of Authorizing Laws and Policies

#### State.

The Division Director (State Entomologist) may cooperate with a person in Indiana to locate, check, or eradicate a pest or pathogen (Indiana Code 14-24-2-1). Kudzu is declared a pest and is subject to elimination from a property under 312 IAC 18-3-16(f).

Indiana Code 13-12-3 (Environmental Policy) and Indiana Code 13-12-4 (Environmental Impact Statements) apply to this project.

Pesticide applicators must meet Indiana Pesticide Use and Application Law (Indiana Code 15-3-3.6) to provide safe, efficient and acceptable applications of pesticides.

The Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation law (Indiana Code 14-22-34) applies to this project.

The project is consistent with the objectives of the Indiana Invasive Species Council (Indiana Code 15-16-10).

The project will be conducted in compliance with Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 14-21-1-29 which requires that the discovery of any archaeological artifacts, features, or human remains be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

This project will be conducted in consideration to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Policy and Standards on Chemical Pesticides in Certified Forests: Interpretation of the DSC Principles and Criteria, July 2002, FSC-IP-0001 (FSC Forest Management Standard (v1.0), July 2010) and also FSC Pesticides Policy Guidance Addendum: List Of Approved Derogations For Use Of 'Highly Hazardous' Pesticides, January 2013, FSC-GUI-30-001a V1-0 EN.

This project will be conducted in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements and is operating under any actions required by the Indiana Pesticide General Permit ING870000.

#### Federal.

The Plant Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. section 7701 et.seq.) states that the detection, control, eradication, suppression, prevention, or retardation of the spread of plant pests or noxious weeds is necessary for the protection of the agriculture, environment, and economy of the United States.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1947, (7 USC 136) as amended, known as FIFRA, requires insecticides used within the United States be registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### 2.0 ALTERNATIVES

#### 2.1 Process Used to Formulate the Alternatives

Staff entomologists and administration within the IDNR, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology formulated several alternatives to manage and eradicate kudzu infestations in Indiana. Information gathered over a period of years on treatment options, environmental and safety risks, and effectiveness was evaluated. Consultation over these years with soil scientists, weed scientists, biologists and ecological restoration groups led to the development of alternatives eliminated and considered in detail. Herbicide product labels and material safety data sheets were also reviewed. (See Chapter 6 - Persons and Agencies Consulted, Appendix B – Agency Letters, Appendix C – Product Labels, and project Work & Safety Plan)

#### 2.2 Alternatives Eliminated from Detailed Study

The following alternatives that are available were eliminated from consideration:

**Treatment with dicamba.** This herbicide is a broad spectrum treatment which would impact several plant species. Other herbicides with a less broad target spectrum and with less volatility

(ability to evaporate readily at normal temperatures and pressures) are available which can meet one or more of the project objectives, and lessen the impact to non target species. Therefore, dicamba is not considered for this proposed project. In future projects, it may be evaluated for use.

**Treatment with picloram** + **2,4-D.** Using these combined herbicides would increase the risk of movement of the herbicide to non target areas. Other herbicide are available that have less volatility which can meet one or more of the project objectives, and lessen the impact to non target species. Therefore, picloram + 2,4-D is not considered for this proposed project. In future projects, it may be evaluated for use.

**Treatment with aminopyralid.** This herbicide was registered for use in the State of Indiana in 2012 and further research is needed to compare the likelihood of success, potential environmental issues, and cost effectiveness with other herbicides that are available for use. Therefore, it is not considered for this proposed project. In future projects, it may be evaluated for use.

Cultural treatment methods. A method such as plant crown removal is not considered for this proposed project because this method is not feasible from a management and labor issue. Other treatment options are available which are feasible from a management perspective and can meet one or more of the project objectives. In future projects, it may be evaluated for use. Biological Control. Grazing with animals (such as goats) is not considered because this method is not feasible from a management and labor issue. Other treatment options are available which are feasible from a management perspective and can meet one or more of the project objectives. Additional options that are not considered are the use of pathogens or insects. The native bacteria Psuedomonas syringae pv. phaseolicola has been shown to kill young kudzu seedlings, but has demonstrated limited secondary infections which would attack older plants (Zidak and Backman 1996). This bacteria will also infect soybeans. Another pathogen that has shown potential for control is the native fungus Myrothecium verrucaria. Research has shown that this fungus can provide 95-100% control of kudzu approximately 14 days after inoculation of girdled stems (Boyette et al. 2000). Additional pathogens and also insects are being researched as possible controls for kudzu; however, many of these species are not native to the U.S., and are not selective in the plants they attack. More research is needed to develop suitable pathogens for commercial use. Therefore, the use of pathogens or insects for control of kudzu is not considered because these options are not currently available and/or will attack soybeans and other non target plants. In future projects, it may be evaluated for use.

#### 2.3 Alternatives Considered in Detail

**Alternative 1 - No action (no proposed project).** If no action is taken, kudzu populations would continue to expand from the proposed sites and spread throughout the State of Indiana. Spread of kudzu populations would provide increased leaf surface area for invasive insects and pathogens, and pose a threat to soybean crops. Advancement of these kudzu populations would also contribute to the displacement of native species. This is not a preferred alternative because it does not meet any of the objectives set forth in this proposed project, nor does it meet the responsibilities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and landowners to eliminate kudzu under 312 IAC 18-3-16.

Alternative 2 - Treatment with clopyralid. This treatment option uses a liquid formulation of clopyralid mixed with water for one foliar application applied from the ground at a rate of 22 ounces per 100 gallons of solution. The application would occur when plants are most vulnerable, which is usually between early August and late September in Indiana. A nonionic spreader adjuvant/surfactant (Alligare 90) is regularly added to increase the activity and effectiveness of the herbicide by improving adhesion of the product to the plant surface. A non-staining spray dye (Alligare Marking Dye) is also added to help monitor where applications have been made during the treatment. All active ingredient products, adjuvants/surfactants and dyes are used in accordance with their product labels.

Clopyralid is an Auxin Growth Regulator. This type of herbicide kills the target plant by mimicking the plant growth hormone auxin (indole acetic acid), and when administered at effective doses, cause uncontrolled and disorganized plant growth that leads to plant death.

Clopyralid has proven effective at reducing and/or eradicating kudzu populations. Treatment with clopyralid can meet one or more of the project objectives.

Alternative 3 - Treatment with glyphosate. This treatment option uses a liquid formulation of glyphosate mixed with water for one foliar and/or stump cut application (this involves cutting the woody vine and applying the herbicide to the freshly exposed surface of the cut vine stump) applied from the ground at a rate of 3% for foliar application and a rate of 50% solution for cut stump application. The application would occur when plants are most vulnerable, which is usually between early August and late September in Indiana. A nonionic spreader adjuvant/surfactant (Alligare 90) is regularly added to increase the activity and effectiveness of the herbicide by improving adhesion of the product to the plant surface. A non-staining spray dye (Alligare Marking Dye) is also added to help monitor where applications have been made during the treatment. All active ingredient products, adjuvants/surfactants and dyes are used in accordance with their product labels.

Glyphosate is an Aromatic Amino Acid Inhibitor. This type of herbicide kills the target plant by inhibiting the production of essential amino acids required for nutrient transport and plant growth.

Glyphosate has proven effective at reducing and/or eradicating kudzu populations. Treatment with glyphosate can meet one or more of the project objectives.

Alternative 4 - Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl. This treatment option uses a granular formulation of metsulfuron-methyl mixed with water for one foliar application applied from the ground at a rate of 4 ounces per 100 gallons of solution. The application would occur when plants are most vulnerable, which is usually between early August and late September in Indiana. A nonionic spreader adjuvant/surfactant (Alligare 90) is regularly added to increase the activity and effectiveness of the herbicide by improving adhesion of the product to the plant surface. A non-staining spray dye (Alligare Marking Dye) is also added to help monitor where applications have been made during the treatment. All active ingredient products, adjuvants/surfactants and dyes are used in accordance with their product labels.

Metsulfuron-methyl is an ALS Inhibitor. This type of herbicide kills the target plant by inhibiting cell division in the shoots and roots of the plant.

Metsulfuron-methyl has proven effective at reducing and/or eradicating kudzu populations. Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl can meet one or more of the project objectives.

Alternative 5 – Treatment with triclopyr. This treatment option uses a liquid formulation of triclopyr mixed with water for one foliar application applied from the ground at a maximum rate of 2 to 3 gallons of product per 100 gallons of solution. Triclopyr will be applied to some sites as a cut stump and/or basal bark application at a maximum rate of 2.7 to 10.7 gallons per acre per year. The application would occur when plants are most vulnerable, which is usually between early August and late September in Indiana. A nonionic spreader adjuvant/surfactant (Alligare 90) is regularly added to triclopyr used as foliar applications to increase the activity and effectiveness of the herbicide by improving adhesion of the product to the plant surface. A non-staining spray dye (Alligare Marking Dye) is also added to help monitor where applications have been made during the treatment. All active ingredient products, adjuvants/surfactants and dyes are used in accordance with their product labels.

Triclopyr is an Auxin Growth Regulator. This type of herbicide kills the target plant by mimicking the plant growth hormone auxin (indole acetic acid), and when administered at effective doses, cause uncontrolled and disorganized plant growth that leads to plant death.

Triclopyr has proven effective at reducing and/or eradicating kudzu populations. Treatment with triclopyr can meet one or more of the project objectives.

Alternative 6 - Treatment with clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl, and/or triclopyr. The use of this alternative utilizes an Integrated Pest Management type approach to select clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl, or triclopyr alone or in combination for each site based on the following criteria: 1) presence of water sources, 2) soil type, content, and slope, 3) safety to people, 4) safety to nontarget organisms and 5) ability to meet project goals.

# 2.4 Comparative Summary of Alternatives

Table 2. Summary of Environmental Consequences for Alternatives by Issues from Chapter 4.

	Issue 1	Issue 2	Issue 3	Issue 4
	Effects on Nontarget Organisms & Environmental Quality (pgs. 30-31)	Human Health & Safety (pgs. 31-33)	Likelihood of Success of the Project (page 33-34)	Economic and Political Impacts (pgs. 34)
Alternative 1 No action	- Increased loss potential of native species kudzu populations continue to spread - increased leaf surface area for invasive pests - increased risk to soybean and legume crops - no risk of accident or spill	no risk of accident or spill     no risk of human exposure to herbicides	- spread of kudzu populations would not be slowed and the project objectives would not be met	- spread of kudzu would not be slowed - increased cost to landowners - increased risk to soybean and legume industry
Alternative 2 Clopyralid	- risk of injury to some nontarget plant families - cannot be applied directly to water or where surface water is present - slight risk of accident or spill	- slight risk of accident or spill - exposure to skin may cause slight irritation and redness - inhalation of mist may irritate upper respiratory tract - may cause eye, nose, throat irritation - excessive exposure may aggravate preexisting lung disease	- success is likely at all sites with varying density populations - 18 of the 51 sites have water sources and clopyralid alone cannot be used at these sites	- slows the spread of kudzu - decreased cost to landowners - decreased availability of host material to invasive species and the resulting potential economic damage
Alternative 3 Glyphosate	- risk of injury to nontarget plants - slight risk of accident or spill	- slight risk of accident or spill - may cause slight irritation to eye and skin - prolonged overexposure may affect liver	- success is likely at sites with medium to low density populations (41 sites)	- slows the spread of kudzu - decreased cost to landowners - decreased availability of host material to invasive species and the resulting potential economic damage
Alternative 4 Metsulfuron methyl	- risk of injury to nontarget plants - cannot be applied directly to water or where surface water is present - slight risk of accident or spill	- slight risk of accident or spill - exposure to eye and skin may cause irritation with pain, redness, rash, itching, swelling and visual impairment	- success is likely at low density sites that have been treated previously	- slows the spread of kudzu - decreased cost to landowners - decreased availability of host material to invasive species and the resulting potential economic damage
Alternative 5 Triclopyr	- risk of injury to nontarget plants - cannot be applied directly to water or where surface water is present - slight risk of accident or spill	- slight risk of accident or spill -cause irreversible eye damage -prolonged or frequent skin contact can be harmful and cause allergic reactions	- success is likely at all sites with varying density populations - 18 of the 51 sites have water sources and clopyralid alone cannot be used at these sites	- slows the spread of kudzu - decreased cost to landowners - decreased availability of host material to invasive species and the resulting potential economic damage

Alternative 5	- same as alternative 2, 3,	- same as alternative 2,	- success is likely at	- slows the spread of
Clopyralid,	4 or 5	3, 4 or 5	all sites	kudzu
Glyphosate,				- decreased cost to
Metsulfuron-				landowners
methyl and/or				- decreased availability
Triclopyr				of host material to
				invasive species and the
				resulting potential
				economic damage

#### 3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

# 3.1 Description of the Proposed Treatment Sites

(See Table 3. Definitions for Descriptions of Proposed Treatment Sites). (See Table 5. Summary of 2014 treatment sites by Acreage and Treatment Method)

Clark-3: The proposed treatment site contains 0.64 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Walnut, Pine, Yellow Poplar, American Elm and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. The vascular plant *Lechea racemulosa* (Illinois Pinweed) (Family: Cistaceae) is an Indiana State Endangered plant species that has been previously identified by DNR staff at the site. The site is located along a stream bank, and has a risk of flooding. The soil types at the site are Beanblossum Silt Loam (BcrAW) (1-3% slopes, occasionally flooded, very brief duration) and Gilwood-Brownstown Silt Loam (GgbG) (25-75% slopes). Beanblossum Silt Loam and Gilwood-Brownstown Silt Loam series of soils consist of deep, well drained soils. The potential for surface water runoff in Beanblossum Silt Loam is very low to low and medium to high in Gilwood-Brownstown Silt Loam. Permeability is moderate to rapid in both. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. A small home is adjacent to the southeast side of the site, but not directly located in the site. The site was treated in 2013 with glyphosate. This site has a medium density population and glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied as a foliar treatment.

Clark-4: The proposed treatment site contains 1.36 acres. The site is composed of Flowering Dogwood, American Beech, Ash, Oak, Black Cherry and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at the site are Knobcreek-Navilleton-Haggett Silt Loam (KxoC2) (karst, rolling, eroded) and Crider-Bedford-Navilleton Silt Loam (CtwB) (2-6% slopes). The Knobcreek-Navilleton-Haggett series of soils consists of deep, well drained soils. Permeability is slow to moderate and the potential for surface water runoff is high. Crider-Bedford-Navilleton series of soils consists of generally very deep, moderately well to well drained soils. Permeability is generally moderate above the fragipan and slow in the fragipan. The potential for surface water runoff is medium. A soil erosion plan is developed for this site to manage any soil erosion which may occur after kudzu is removed. There is a high risk of erosion potential at the site. The erosion plan consists of seeding with 84 lbs./acre of cereal rye after treatment and frost seeding with 35 lbs./acre of fescue. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014.

Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Clark-5: The proposed treatment site contains 0.32 acres. The site is composed of Silver Maple, Honeysuckle, Multiflora Rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at the site is Urban land-Udarents (UnpA) (loamy substratum, complex terrace, 0-3% slopes). The drainage, permeability and potential for surface water runoff can vary greatly on Urban land Udarent soil sites because the natural soils have been disturbed. Soil drainage at this site is likely moderately well drained. Permeability is unknown and the potential for surface water runoff is likely low. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site, but a mobile home park is immediately north of the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Clark-6: The proposed treatment site contains 0.02 acres. The site is composed of American Sycamore, American Sweetgum, Eastern Redbud and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at the site is Urban land-Udarents (UngB) (fragipan substratum, complex, till plain, 0-12% slopes). The drainage, permeability and potential for surface water runoff can vary greatly on Urban land Udarent soil sites because the natural soils have been disturbed. Soil drainage at this site is likely moderately well drained. Permeability is unknown and the potential for surface water runoff is likely low. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. This site is on a residential property and is located in the back yard of this property near a public golf course. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with Clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Clark-7: The proposed treatment site contains 0.37 acres. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, American Elm, Virginia Pine and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at the site are Trappist Silty Clay Loam (ThbD5) (6-18% slopes, gullied) and Deputy-Trappist Silt Loam (DtvC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded). The Trappist and Deputy-Trappist series of soils consist of moderately well drained to well drained soils. Permeability is slow to moderate and the potential for surface water runoff is high. There is native vegetation growing near the kudzu site, limited slope and limited water flow running

through the site. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with Clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Clark-8: The proposed treatment site contains 1.47 acres. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Aspen, Flowering Dogwood, White Ash, Tulip Poplar, Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soils types at the site are Gilwood-Wrays Silt Loam (GgfE2) (12-25% slopes, eroded), Gilwood-Brownstown Silt Loam (GgbG) (25-75% slopes) and Knobcreek-Navilleton Silt Loam (KxkC2) (6-12% eroded). All three soil types are well drained. Permeability varies from impermeable to moderate. The potential for surface water runoff is high for all types. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had no prior treatment. This site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

Crawford-5: The proposed treatment site contains 0.83 acres. The site is composed of Red Maple, White Ash, Virginia Pine, American Sycamore and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at the site is Udorthents Soils (UbxD) (6-18% slopes, gullied). The Udorthent series of soils consists of moderately well drained to well drained soils. Permeability varies from very low to high. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to very high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with clopyralid and glyphosate. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Crawford-6:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.23 acres. The site is composed of White Ash, Eastern Red Cedar, Yellow Foxtail, Canada goldenrod and grasses. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site mostly lies on top of a sloped area, with surface water near to the site. The soil type at the site is Pits, Quarry (Pml). The drainage, permeability and potential for surface water runoff can vary greatly on Pits, Quarry soil sites because the natural soils have been highly disturbed. The potential for surface water runoff is likely moderate at this site. Permeability and drainage are unknown. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. The site has a medium density population and

clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

Clay-1: The proposed treatment site contains 0.94 acre. The site is composed of a large number of Sweetgum, and also Maple, Ash, Black Walnut, Tulip Poplar, Oak, Elm and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A creek and drainage ditches occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Cincinnati Silt Loam (CcC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded), Shoals Silt Loam (Sh) (frequently flooded) and Iva Silt Loam (0-2% slopes). Cincinnati Silt Loam soils are well drained. Shoals and Iva Silt Loam soils are poorly drained soils. These soil types have slow to moderate permeability. Cincinnati Silt Loam soils have high potential for surface water runoff. Shoals and Iva Silt Loam soils have low potential for surface water runoff. No erosion plans are needed at this site because it has been treated in stages with selective herbicides that preserved native vegetation. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site because an abundance of non kudzu vegetation has returned to the site and the site is flat. No houses occur on the site. This site was treated in 2009 and 2010 with Clopyralid. This site has a low density population and metsulfuron-methyl is proposed for 2014. Metsulfuron-methyl is a non selective broad leaf herbicide that is highly effective at killing kudzu. It will be applied in a selective manner and used to eliminate resistant kudzu growth as well as help manage herbicide resistance issues.

Clay-2: The proposed treatment site contains 1.00 acre. The site is composed of abundant Red Maple along with White Ash, Flowering Dogwood, Red Oak, Tulip Poplar and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A small dam, drainage area and pond occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Cincinnati Silt Loam (CcC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded) and Hickory Silt Loam (HcD3) (12-18% slopes, severely eroded). These soils are well drained with slow to moderate permeability. The potential for surface water runoff is very high. No erosion plans are needed at this site because it has been treated in stages with selective herbicides that preserved native vegetation. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site because of an abundance of existing non kudzu vegetation. No houses occur on the site. This site was treated with Clopyralid in 2009 and 2010, and treated with clopyralid and metsulfuron-methyl in 2011 and 2012. This site has a low density population and metsulfuron-methyl is proposed for 2014. Metsulfuron-methyl is a non selective broad leaf herbicide that is highly effective at killing kudzu. It will be applied in a selective manner and used to eliminate resistant kudzu growth as well as help manage herbicide resistance issues.

Clay-3: The proposed treatment site contains 0.26 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Ash, Elm, Oak, Flowering Dogwood and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. There are connecting ponds immediately adjacent to the site. The soil types at this site are Iva Silt Loam (IvA) (0-2% slopes) and Ava Silt Loam (AvB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded). These soils vary from being poorly drained to moderately well drained. Both soil types have slow permeability. The potential for surface water runoff is slow with Iva Silt Loam soils and high with Ava Silt Loam soils. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. This site was treated with glyphosate in 2009. This site has a low density population and

glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Clay-5: The proposed treatment site contains 7.00 acres. The site is composed of Maple, American Beech, Tulip Poplar, Pitch Pine, American Sycamore, Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. Ponds occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Fairpoint Shaly Silty Clay Loam (FcG) (33-90% slopes). The Fairpoint series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is very low to moderately high. The potential for surface water runoff is very high. The site has wide varying and steep slopes. No erosion plans are needed at this site because it has been treated in stages with selective herbicides that preserved native vegetation. No houses occur on the site. This site was treated with clopyralid in 2008 and 2009, treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2010 to 2012, and treated with clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron methyl in 2013. This site has both a low and medium density population levels and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment. There is a severe risk of erosion potential at the site however the staged treatments have managed erosion risk.

**Dubois-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.20 acres. The site is composed of Flowering Dogwood, Virginia Pine, Oak, American Elm and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A stream occurs within the site. The soil type at this site is Fairpoint Shaly Silt Loam (FcB) (0-8 % slopes). The Fairpoint Shaly Silt Loam series of soils consist of well drained soils. Permeability is very low to moderately high. The potential for surface water runoff is very high. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009, and treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2010 to 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site.

**Dubois-2:** The proposed treatment site contains 2.41 acres. The site is composed of Flowering Dogwood, Black Walnut, White Oak, American Elm, Shagbark Hickory and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A stream occurs within the site. The soil type at this site is Fairpoint Shaly Silt Loam (FcB) (0-8% slopes). The Fairpoint Shaly Silt Loam series of soils consist of well drained soils. Permeability is very low to moderately high. The potential for surface water runoff is very high. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009, and treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2010 to 2013. This site has a

medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site however the prior treatments have managed erosion risk and no erosion plan will be used.

**Dubois-3:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.05 acres. The site is composed of Red Maple, Red Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Gilpin-Berks Complex (GoF) (20-50% slopes). Gilpin-Berks Complex series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate to moderately rapid. The potential for surface water runoff is negligible to high. There is low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2011 and clopyralid and glyphosate in 2012 and 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron- methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump applications for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Dubois-4:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.43 acres. The site is composed of White Ash, Red Oak, Shortleaf Pine, Virginia Pine, Shagbark Hickory, Eastern Redbud and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. An erosion ditch which may contain periodic water occurs within the site. The soil type at this site is Gilpin-Berks Complex (GoF) (20-50% slopes). Gilpin-Berks Complex series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate to moderately rapid. The potential for surface water runoff is negligible to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. Native vegetation exists at the site and can be preserved with the use of selective herbicides and selective application of herbicides. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2011 and clopyralid and glyphosate in 2012 and 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuronmethyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Dubois-5:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.10 acres. The site is composed of Red Maple, Red Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Gilpin-Berks Complex (GoF) (20-50% slopes) and Gilpin Silt Loam (GID3) (12-18% slopes, severely eroded). The Gilpin-Berks Complex and

Gilpin Silt Loam series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate to moderately rapid. The potential for surface water runoff is negligible to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. The site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

**Dubois-6:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.03 acres. The site is composed of White Ash, Red Oak, Shortleaf Pine, Virginia Pine, Shagbark Hickory, Eastern Redbud and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. An erosion ditch which may contain periodic water occurs within the site. The soil types at this site are Gilpin-Berks Complex (GoF) (20-50% slopes) and Gilpin Silt Loam (GID3) (12-18% slopes, severely eroded). The Gilpin-Berks Complex and Gilpin Silt Loam series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate to moderately rapid. The potential for surface water runoff is negligible to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. The site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

**Floyd-4:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.02 acres. The site is composed of Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Flowering Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, Black Locust, Multiflora Rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. The site occurs on a DNR Nature Preserve property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A small pond exists on the north side of the site and a creek runs along the west side of the site. The soil type at this site is Gnawbone-Kurtz Silt Loam (GmaG) (20-60% slopes). The Gnawbone-Kurtz series of soils consists of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. The site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

**Gibson-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.66 acres. The site is composed of Ash, Black Walnut, Black Cherry, Honeysuckle, Honey Locust, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. This site occurs adjacent to soybean fields. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Alford Silt Loam (AlC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded), Sylvan Silt Loam (SyC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded) and Alford Silt Loam (AlB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded). The Alford Silt Loam and Sylvan Silt Loam series of soils consist of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate. The potential for surface water runoff is low to very high in Alford series soils and medium to high in Sylvan series soils. There is a limited flow of water into and through the site and selective herbicides will preserve the native vegetation. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 with clopyralid and in 2013 with clopyralid and glyphosate. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a

selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Gibson-3:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.44 acres. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, American Elm, Locust species and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Alford Silt Loam (AlB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded). The Alford Silt Loam series of soils consist of well drained soils. Permeability is moderate. The potential for surface water runoff is low to very high. A soil erosion plan is developed for this site to manage any soil erosion which may occur after kudzu is removed. The erosion plan consists of seeding with 84 lbs./acre of cereal rye after treatment and frost seeding with 35 lbs./acre of fescue. There is a medium risk of erosion potential at the site. A house occurs on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with Clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and Clopyralid and Glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Greene-5: The proposed treatment site contains 4.9 acres of kudzu. Only 3.0 acres of the site will treated in 2014 in order to prevent serious erosion. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, Sassafras, American Sycamore and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Parke Silt Loam (PbD2) (12-18% slopes) and Princeton Fine Sandy Loam (6-12% slopes). These soils are well drained, have moderate permeability and the potential for surface water runoff is from moderate to very high. There is a high risk of erosion potential at this site. No houses occur on the site. This site has had no prior treatment. This site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. The site will be treated in stages to reduce potential erosion problems.

Harrison-6: The proposed treatment site contains 2.69 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Flowering Dogwood, Oak, Black Cherry, Sassafras and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site, but this site occurs adjacent to soybean fields. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Vertrees Crider Caneyville Complex (VcaC3) (karst, rolling, severely eroded), Vertrees Haggatt Caneyville Complex (VccD3) (karst, hilly, severely eroded) and Vertrees Crider Caneyville Silt Loam (VcbD2) (karst, hilly, eroded). These soil series consist of well drained soils. The potential for surface water runoff of these soils varies from low to high. Permeability is moderately slow to moderate. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site, but a house occurs approximately a fourth mile

from the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with Clopyralid. This site has both high and medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Harrison-12:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.02 acres. The site is composed of grasses and Engelmann's Adder's-tongue plant is present. No legumes occur within the site. No trees occur on the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water occurs on the site. The soil types at this site are Caneyville-Haggatt-Knobcreek Silt Loam (CbrD2) (karst, hilly, eroded) and Deuchars-Apalona-Wellston Silt Loam (DeaC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded). These soils consist of moderately well drained to well drained. The potential for surface water runoff on these soils is medium to very high. Permeability is moderate to moderately slow. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. The site has a low density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

**Jefferson-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.23 acre. The site is composed of Red Maple, Sycamore, Sassafras, Flowering Dogwood, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Rossmoyne Silt Loam (RoB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded) and Jennings Silt Loam (JnC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded). These soils are moderately well drained, have low permeability and a moderate potential for surface water runoff. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur within the site. The site was treated in 2011 with glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl. This site has a medium density population and glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron- methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Jennings-6: The proposed treatment site contains 1.57 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Flowering Dogwood, White Pine, Oak, American Elm and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A creek occurs 0.75 miles from the site. The soil types at this site are Blocher Cincinnati Silt Loam (BlgC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded), Bonnell Hickory Blocher Complex (BnuD3) (12-25% slopes, severely eroded) and Bonnell Blocher Hickory Silt Loam (BlkE2) (12-25% slopes, eroded). These series of soils consist of moderately well drained to well drained soils. The potential for surface water runoff is low to very high. Permeability is moderately slow to moderate. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site, however the prior treatments have managed erosion risk and no erosion plan will be used. No houses occur within the site. This site has very difficult access. The site was treated with Clopyralid in 2009 and 2010 and

with Clopyralid in 2012 and 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Jennings-7:** The proposed treatment site contains 2.30 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Ash, Eastern White Pine, American Sycamore, Kentucky Coffeetree, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Ryker Muscatatuck Silt Loam (RzfA) (0-2% slopes, terrace), Ryker Muscatatuck Silt Loam (RzfB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded, terrace) and Whitcomb Silt Loam (WnmA) (0-2% slopes). Ryker Muscatatuck Silt Loam soils are well drained with moderate permeability and low potential for surface water runoff. Whitcomb Silt Loam soils are somewhat poorly drained with slow to moderate permeability and a medium potential for surface water runoff. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur within the site, however, a hypersensitive individual with COPD resides in a house immediately adjacent to the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009, 2010 and 2012, and was treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2011. This site has a low density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applied as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron- methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Jennings-8:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.14 acre. The site is composed of area without any trees, shrubs or other plants. No legumes occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Haymold Silt Loam (HcgAH) (0-2% slopes). This soil type is well drained with moderate permeability and low potential for surface water runoff. The site also contains gravel fill from the road. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was in 2009 and 2010 with clopyralid and treated in 2011 with metsulfuron-methyl. This site has a low density population and metsulfuron-methyl is proposed for 2014. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Jennings-12:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.38 acres. The site is composed of Multiflora Rose, grasses, Yellow Foxtail, Honey Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. 2013 Early Coordination Review with Indiana DNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife has documented the State Endangered Species *Tyto alba* (barn owl) within a half mile of the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Bonnell Blocher Hickory Silt Loam (BlkE2) (12-25% slopes, eroded). Bonnell Blocher Hickory Silt Loam soils consist of moderately well drained to well drained soils. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to very high. Permeability is moderate to moderately slow.

There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site and the site will be monitored. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2011, 2012 and 2013. This site has a high density population and clopyralid and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Jennings-13: The proposed treatment site contains 0.29 acre. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, Flowering Dogwood and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Ryker Grayford Muscatatuck Complex (RzhC3) (karst, rolling, severely eroded), Caneyville Rock Outcrop Complex (CcaG) (25-60% slopes) and Bonnell Blocher Hickory Silt Loam (BlkE2) (12-25% slopes, eroded). These soils are all well drained with moderate permeability. The potential for surface water runoff varies from moderate to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had no prior treatments. This site has a high density population and Triclopyr is proposed for 2014. Triclopyr will be applied in a selective manner.

**Jennings-14:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.67 acres. The site is composed of White Ash, Black Walnut, Tulip Poplar, Multiflora rose, Elm and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Ryker Muscatatuck Silt Loam (RzgC2) (karst, rolling, eroded), Deputy Trappist Silty Clay Loam (DtzC3) (6-15% slopes, severely eroded), Blocher Soft Black Shale Substratum Jennings Deputy Silt Loam (BlcC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded) and Nabb Silt Loam (NaaB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded). These soil types are moderately well drained with slow to moderate permeability. The potential for surface water runoff varies from moderate to very high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had no prior treatments. The site has a high density population and clopyralid and triclopyr are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Triclopyr will be applied in a selective manner to open areas of the site without trees. Clopyralid will be applied to the tree covered portion of the site in order to preserve the existing trees at the site. Cut stump application of triclopyr to large vines will be done when access allows for such applications to occur.

**Knox-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.79 acres. The site is composed of Red Maple, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, American Beech, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The site is highly eroded with gullies. The soil types at this site are Alford Silt Loam (AID3) (12-18% slopes, severely eroded) and Sylvan Silt Loam (SyF) (25-40% slopes). These are well drained soils with moderate permeability and very high potential for surface water runoff. There is a high risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had prior treatment with glyphosate by the landowners. The site

has a low to medium density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce the need for erosion control measures.

Lake-1: The proposed treatment site contains 0.20 acre. The site is composed of White Oak, Red Oak, Willow, Catalpa, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site is immediately adjacent to a river. The soil types at this site are Wallkill Silt Loam (Wa) (0-2% slopes) and Plainfield Fine Sand (PIB). Wallkill Silt Loam are poorly drained soils with moderate permeability and Plainfield Find Sand soils are excessively drained with very high permeability. The potential for surface water runoff with these soils is low. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site. There is a house and a small business adjacent to this site, as well as a parking lot. The site has had no prior treatment. The site has a high density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applied as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Glyphosate will also be applied for the areas that are closest to the river branch in order to prevent clopyralid from entering the surface water. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Laporte-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.16 acre. The site is composed of Elm, Red Maple, White Ash, Black Walnut, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site exists on a dam at a boy scout camp and water is very close to the soil surface. The soil types at this site are Tracy Sandy Loam (TcD2) (12-18% slopes, eroded) and Histosois and Aquolis Soils (Hh). Tracy Sandy Loam soils are well drained soils while Histosois and Aquolis soils are poorly drained. Permeability in both these soils varies. Tracy Sandy Loam soils have a high potential for surface water runoff, and Histosois and Aquolis soils have a low potential for surface water runoff and tend to frequently have shallow standing water. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has a low density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applied as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Laporte-2:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.08 acre. The site is composed of Red Oak, Apple, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Chelsea Fine Sand (ChC) (6-12% slopes). These soils are excessively drained, have high permeability and the potential for surface water runoff is low. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had no prior treatment. The site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce the need for erosion control measures.

Lawrence-1: The proposed treatment site contains 1.62 acres. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Ash, Black Walnut, Redbud, Tulip Poplar, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Crider Silt Loam (CspC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded) and Wellston-Adyeville Silt Loam (WpoD2) (12-18% slopes eroded complex). These soils are well drained, permeability varies from very low to high and the potential for surface water runoff is moderate to high. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site. There is a house that exists in the site and another house located immediately adjacent to the south of the site. The site was treated in 2009 with clopyralid. This site has a low density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuronmethyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Lawrence-7: The proposed treatment site contains 0.16 acres. The site is composed of Sugar Maple, Ash, Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, American Elm, Eastern Redbud and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Frederick-Crider Silt Loam (FknC2) (karst, 2-12% slopes, eroded complex). This soil type consists of well drained soils, moderate permeability and the potential for surface water runoff is low to very high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. This site exists on city property behind a residential area and 4 houses are located immediately adjacent to the site. Houses occur around the site. Duke Energy will need notification prior to treatment due to kudzu vines growing up electrical poles. The site was treated with Clopyralid in 2010 and 2011. The site was treated with Metsulfuron methyl in 2012. This site has a low density population and Glyphosate and Metsulfuron methyl are proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Lawrence-11: The proposed treatment site contains 0.32 acres. The site is composed of Red Oak, White Ash, American Sycamore, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site occurs a few hundred feet away from the White River. The soil type at this site is Crider Silt Loam (CspD2) (12-18% slopes, eroded). Crider Silt Loam soils are well drained. The potential for surface water runoff is low to high. Permeability is moderate. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 with clopyralid and with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2013. This site has a medium density population and Clopyralid and Glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Martin-5: The proposed treatment site contains 0.28 acres. The site is composed of American Sycamore, American Sweetgum, Rubus species, Eastern Redbud, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Wellston-Tipsaw-Adyeville complex (WpfG) (18-70% slopes) and Gatchel Loam (GacAW) (1-3% slopes, occasionally flooded, very brief duration). These series of soils consist of well drained to somewhat excessively drained soils. The potential for surface water runoff ranges from low to rapid. Permeability is moderate to moderately rapid. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. This site is on U.S. Gypsum property. The site was treated in 2012 with clopyralid and with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Martin-6: The proposed treatment site contains 0.14 acres. The site is composed of Eastern White Pine, Black Cherry, Flowering Dogwood and other species of shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this site is Apalona Silt Loam (AgrB) (2-6% slopes). Apalona Silt Loam series of soils are moderately well drained. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to very high. Permeability is moderate above the fragipan and very slow in the fragipan and below. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. A house is located adjacent to the site. The site was treated in 2013 with clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Martin-7: The proposed treatment site contains 0.15 acre. The site is composed of Redbud, Maple, White Ash, White Oak, American Elm, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at this is Wellston Silt Loam (WhfC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded). This soil type consists of well drained soils, moderate permeability and the potential for surface water runoff is moderate to high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site and the site. No houses occur on the site. The site has had no prior treatments. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

**Morgan-3:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.45 acres. The site is composed of Shagbark Hickory, Red Oak, American Elm, American Beech, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are

known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Ava Silt Loam (AvB) (2-6% slopes) and Wellston Silt Loam (WfC) (6-12% slopes). These series of soils consist of moderately well drained to well drained. The potential for surface water runoff in the Ava series of soils is high and is medium to rapid in the Wellsto series of soils. Permeability is moderate in these soils. There is a high risk of erosion potential at the site. A soil erosion plan is developed for this site to manage any soil erosion which may occur after kudzu is removed. The erosion plan consists of seeding with 84 lbs/acre of cereal rye after treatment and frost seeding with 35 lbs./acre of fescue. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2011, 2012 and 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Orange-2:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.28 acres. The site is composed of an area with no trees, shrubs or plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at the site are Wellston-Adyeville-Ebal Silt Loam (WppD2) (12-18% slopes, eroded), Crider Silt Loam (CspC2) (6-12% slopes, eroded) and Crider-Caneyville Silt Loam (CtwD2) (12-18% slopes, eroded). These soils are well drained. Permeability is moderate. The potential for surface water runoff ranges from low to rapid. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site and the site. A commercial building is located adjacent to the site. The site has had no prior treatment. This site has a high density population and clopyralid is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures.

Orange-3: The proposed treatment site contains 1.55 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Flowering Dogwood, White Ash, Red Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil type at the site is Wellston-Adyeville-Ebal Silt Loam (WppD2) (12-18% slopes, eroded). These soils consist of moderately well drained to somewhat excessively drained. The potential for surface water runoff ranges from low to rapid. Permeability is moderate. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site and the site will be monitored. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with clopyralid. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Owen-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.34 acres. The site is composed of abundant Tulip Poplar along with Oak, Red Maple, American Beech, Flowering Dogwood and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within

Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A pond and stream occur 0.25 miles from the site. The soil types at the site are Zanesville Silt Loam (ZamB2) (soft bedrock substratum, 2-6% slopes, eroded) and Zanesville Silt Loam (ZamC3) (soft bedrock substratum, 6-12% slopes, severely eroded). These soils are moderately well drained, with low to moderate permeability and low potential for surface water runoff. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. The site is located within a plant nursery business (Woodland Farm Nursery). The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009, and treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2010 and 2011. The site was treated with glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl in 2012. This site has a low density population and glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and applied as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl is a non selective broad leaf herbicide that is highly effective at killing kudzu. It will be applied in a selective manner and used to eliminate resistant kudzu growth as well as help manage herbicide resistance issues.

**Posey-2:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.65 acres. The site is composed of Flowering Dogwood, White Ash, Black Cherry, Oak and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. A creek occurs within the site. The soil type at the site is Wellston Silt Loam (WeE) (18-25% slopes). The Wellston series of soils is well drained. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to rapid. Permeability is moderate. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site and the site will be monitored. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2012 and 2013 with clopyralid and glyphosate. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid and glyphosate are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Starke-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 0.20 acre. The site is composed of Black Locust, Red Maple, Willow and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site is located o the east side of Koontz Lake. The soil types at this site are Adrianmuck (Ad) (drained) and Brems Sand (BeA) (0-3% slopes). Adrianmuch soils are poorly drained with slow to moderate permeability while Brems Sand is well drained with very high permeability. The potential for surface water runoff with these soils is very low. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site, but there is a house located just north of the site. This site has a medium density population and glyphosate is proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

**Sullivan-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.25 acres. The site is composed of Hickory, Red Maple, Ash, Red Oak, American Elm, Honey Locust, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species

are known to occur within the site. A drainage ditch occurs within the site. The soil type at this site is Hickory Silt Loam (HkE) (18-25% slopes). The Hickory series of soils are well drained. The potential for surface water runoff is medium to very high. Permeability is moderate. There is a moderate risk of erosion potential at the site however the prior treatments have managed erosion risk and no erosion plan will be used. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with Clopyralid in 2009 and 2010, and was treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2011, 2012 and 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

**Sullivan-2:** The proposed treatment site contains 4.64 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Black Cherry, American Sycamore, White Willow, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. Coordination Review with Indiana DNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife has documented the State Endangered Species Rana areolata circulosa (northern crawfish frog) within a half mile of the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Strip Mines (St) and Iva Silt Loam (IvA) (0-2% slopes). Strip Mines soils consist generally of well drained with moderately slow permeability. The potential in these soils for surface water runoff is very rapid. The Iva series of soils are somewhat poorly drained and permeability is moderate. The potential for surface water runoff is low. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. Cattle graze within the site. An electric fence is within the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2011 and 2012 and with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2013. This site has a low density population and triclopyr is proposed for 2014. Triclopyr will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Glyphosate and clopyralid will be avoided for use at this site due to the potential risk to the northern crawfish frog.

**Vigo-1:** The proposed treatment site contains 1.75 acres. The site is composed of several Oak, White Ash, Tulip Poplar, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Alford Silt Loam (AIF) (25-40% slopes), Muren Silt Loam (MuB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded) and Muren Silt Loam (MuA) (0-2% slopes). These soils are moderately well drained with moderate permeability. The potential for surface water runoff is high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site because most of the kudzu has been eliminated and non kudzu vegetation has established at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated in 2009 and 2010 with clopyralid and in 2011 with clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl. This site has a low density population and glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump applications for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Warrick-1: The proposed treatment site contains 1.67 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Black Cherry, American Elm, Euonymus, Honey Locust, Black Locust and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. No water sources occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Wheeling Silt Loam (WhB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded) and Weinbach Silt Loam (WbA) (0-2 % slopes). The Wheeling series of soils are well drained and the Weinbach series of soils are somewhat poorly drained. The potential for surface water runoff in Wheeling soils is low to medium and slow in Weinbach soils. Permeability in Wheeling soils is moderate and very slow in Weinbach soils. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. Houses occur adjacent to the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009-2012 and treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2013. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron-methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Clopyralid will also allow for future increased site accessibility and selective cut stump treatments. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Warrick-2: The proposed treatment site contains 7.92 acres. The site is composed of Maple, Flowering Dogwood, Black Walnut, Pine, Oak, American Elm, Eastern Redbud and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. Legumes occur within the site. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. Drainage ditches occur within the site. The soil types at this site are Zanesville Silt Loam (ZaD3) (12-18% slopes, severely eroded), Tilsit Silt Loam (TtB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded), Tilsit Silt Loam (TsB2) (2-6% slopes, eroded) and Zanesville Silt Loam (ZaC3) (6-12% slopes, severely eroded). These soils are moderately well drained to well drained. The potential for surface water runoff in Zanesville soils is medium and negligible to medium in Tilsit soils. Permeability in these soils is moderate above the fragipan and slow in the fragipan. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site is adjacent to Lincoln State Park property. The site was treated with clopyralid in 2009-2011 and with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2012 and 2013.. This site has a medium density population and clopyralid, glyphosate and metsulfuron- methyl are proposed for 2014. Clopyralid is a selective herbicide and will preserve native vegetation and may reduce or eliminate the need for erosion control measures. Glyphosate will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications. Metsulfuron-methyl will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment.

Washington-1: The proposed treatment site contains 0.68 acres. The site is composed of Red Oak, White Oak, Elm, Tulip Poplar, Beech, Multiflora rose and other species of trees, shrubs and plants. No legumes occur within the site. This site occurs within Indiana Classified Forest or Wildlands property. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur within the site. The site has a dry creek bed which is connected to the Blue River which is near the site. The soil type at this site is Crider Silt Loam (CoC2) (6-12% slopes). This soil is well drained with moderate permeability. The potential for surface water runoff is high. There is a low risk of erosion potential at the site. No houses occur on the site. The site was treated with clopyralid in

2010 and was treated with clopyralid and glyphosate in 2009 and 2011. This site has a low density population and triclopyr is proposed for 2014. Triclopyr will be applied in a selective manner and as a spot treatment and/or cut stump application for large vines growing in trees. Cut stump applications reduce the need for large volume foliar applications.

Table 3. Definitions for Descriptions of Proposed Treatment Sites

ENDANGERED SPECIES	The classification provided to an animal or plant in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.
FRAGIC SOILS	Fragic soil properties are the essential properties of a fragipan.
FRAGIPAN	Brittle subsurface restricting water flow and root penetration, usually loamy textured and weakly cemented.
INDIANA CLASSIFIED FOREST OR WILDLANDS	A minimum of 10 contiguous acres supporting a growth of native or planted trees, native or planted grasslands, wetlands or other acceptable types of land cover that have been set aside and managed for the production of timber, wildlife habitat and watershed protection.
PERMEABILITY	How quickly or slowly water or other liquids move vertically within the soil.
SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN	A species is considered a species of special concern if, although the species is not endangered or threatened, it is extremely uncommon in its range, or has unique or highly specific habitat requirements and deserves careful monitoring of its status. Species on the periphery of their range that are not listed as threatened may be included in this category along with those species that were once threatened or endangered but now have increasing or protected, stable populations.
SURFACE WATER RUNOFF	The water flow that occurs when the soil is infiltrated to full capacity and excess water from rain, meltwater, or other sources flows over the land. This is a major component of the water cycle, and the primary agent in water erosion

THREATENED SPECIES	A species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range, as defined in the Endangered Species Act.
	portion of its range, as defined in the Endangered Species Act.

### 3.2 Threatened and Endangered Species

The IDNR Environmental Unit reviewed the proposed project and checked the Natural Heritage Program database for species that have been documented within ½ mile of the proposed treatment sites. IDNR Environmental Unit concluded that, "The Division of Nature Preserves does not anticipate any impacts to the nature preserve, plants, insects, or natural communities as a result of the kudzu treatments." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit).

The IDNR Environmental Unit stated, "We do not recommend using clopyralid at the Sul-2 site, which is near the crawfish frog record." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit). In order to avoid impact to this species, clopyralid will not be used at this site. The site will be treated with triclopyr as a spot application and cut stump treatment.

The IDNR Environmental Unit stated, "We don't foresee any impacts to the Eastern massasauga, Blanding's turtle, or spotted turtle as a result of the kudzu treatment." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit).

The IDNR Environmental Unit stated, "No matter what is used, it should never be sprayed directly into the stream and prevailing winds should be considered to avoid unintentionally treating the stream in addition to the targeted areas." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit).

The IDNR Environmental Unit stated, "Impacts to the American badger or its preferred habitat are unlikely as a result of this project." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit).

#### 3.3 Protection of Historic Properties

The IDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology reviewed the proposed project and determined that, "Based on our analysis, we do not believe that any historic properties will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology).

# 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

This section is the scientific and analytic basis for the comparison of alternatives. It describes the probable consequences (effects) of each alternative for each issue. Environmental consequences are summarized in Table 2 for each combination of the alternatives and issues.

# 4.1 Effects on Nontarget Organisms and Environmental Quality (Issue 1).

Alternative 1 – No action (no proposed project). No treatment of the proposed sites would allow this invasive plant species to continue to spread and displace native plant species. This change in plant habitat can cause the loss of habitat and food for existing wildlife, alter soil chemistry and structure, increase ozone levels and replace and possibly lead to the local extinction of native sensitive, threatened or endangered species. Increased growth of kudzu populations would increase the amount of kudzu leaf surface area available to serve as hosts for other invasive pests, such as Asian soybean rust (*Phakopsora pachyrhizi*) which is threat to soybean crops and the bean plataspid (*Megacopatera cribraria*) which is a threat to soybean crops and other legume crops.

**Alternative 2 – Treatment with clopyralid.** Treatment of the proposed sites with clopyralid would cause severe injury to plants in the following families if applications were made directly to plants in these families or by indirect root uptake from treated soil: Asteraceae (sunflower family), Fabaceae (legume family), Solanaceae (nightshade family), Polygonaceae (knotweed family), and Violaceae (violet family). There are no restrictions on grazing or hay harvest following application of clopyralid at labeled rates. Plant residues, manure, straw and hay from treated areas or from animals that have grazed in treated areas should not be used on land with the sensitive plant families listed above. (See Alligare Clopyralid 3 Product Label – Appendix C) Application of clopyralid over actively growing conifers can cause needle curling. The potential for mobility in soil is very high for both clopyralid and the inactive ingredient isopropanol. It is advised not to apply clopyralid products where soils have a rapid to very rapid permeability throughout the profile (such as loamy sand to sand) and the water table of an underlying aguifer is shallow, or to soils that would allow direct introduction into an aguifer. Clopyralid is not to be applied directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. (See Alligare Clopyralid 3 Material Safety Data Sheets – Work and Safety Plan)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

Alternative 3 – Treatment with glyphosate. Direct contact with foliage, green stems, exposed non woody roots, crops fruits and desirable plant or tree species should be avoided to prevent injury or destruction of those plants. (See AquaNeat Product Label – Appendix C) Glyphosate is readily degraded by soil microbes to AMPA (aminomethyl phosphonic acid) that is further degraded to carbon dioxide. Glyphosate and AMPA are unlikely to enter ground water due to their strong adsorptive characteristics. Terrestrially applied glyphosate has the potential to move into surface waters through soil erosion because it may be absorbed into soil particles suspended in the runoff. Aquatic applications registered for certain formulations may also result in glyphosate entering surface waters. Complete degradation is slow, but dissipation in water is rapid because glyphosate is bound in sediments and has low biological availability to aquatic organisms. These characteristics suggest a low potential for bioconcentration in aquatic organisms and this has been verified by laboratory investigations of glyphosate bioconcentration in numerous marine and freshwater organisms with and without soil. (See AquaNeat Material Safety Data Sheet – Work and Safety Plan)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

Alternative 4 – Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl. Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl at extremely low concentrations is injurious to plants. Non target plants may be adversely effected by drift and run-off. Metsulfuron-methyl should not be applied directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present. (See Escort XP Product Label – Appendix C)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

**Alternative 5 – Treatment with triclopyr.** This herbicide is injurious to plants at extremely low concentrations. Non target plant may be adversely affected by drift and run-off. Drift onto cotton, grapes, soybean, tobacco, vegetable crops, flowers, ornamental shrubs or trees or other desirable broadleaf plants.

Alligare Triclopyr 3 will be used for foliar applications. Alligare Triclopyr RTU will be used for cut stump treatments. (See Alligare Triclopyr 3 and Alligare Triclopyr RTU Product Labels – Appendix C)

Triclopyr should not be applied directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. (See Alligare Triclopyr 3 Product Label – Appendix C)

Triclopyr should not be applied where dairy animals graze. Lactating dairy animals cannot graze until the next growing season after application. (See Alligare Triclopyr 3 Product Label – Appendix C)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

Alternative 6 – Treatment with clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl and/or triclopyr. The nontarget and environmental consequences stated above for Alternatives 2, 3, 4 and 5 apply to this alternative.

# 4.2 Human Health and Safety (Issue 2).

**Alternative 1 – No action (no proposed project).** For this alternative, there would be no proposed project and the risk of human exposure to herbicides during treatments would not exist.

**Alternative 2 - Treatment with clopyralid.** Exposure of clopyralid to skin may cause slight irritation and local redness based on toxicity studies. Ingestion of clopyralid has a very low toxicity and harmful effects are not anticipated from swallowing small amounts based on toxicity

studies. However, no significant adverse health effects are expected to develop if only small amounts (less than a mouthful) are swallowed. Inhalation of clopyralid mist may cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract (nose and throat) and lungs. Excessive exposure (400 ppm) to isopropanol (an inactive ingredient in the product Transline) may cause eye, nose and throat irritation. Incoordination, confusion, hypotension, hypothermia, circulatory collapse, respiratory arrest and death may follow a longer duration or higher levels. Observations in animals include middle ear lining damage upon exposure to vapors of isopropanol. However, the relevance of this to humans is unknown. Repeated exposure to clopyralid is not expected to cause significant adverse affects, except at very high aerosol concentrations. Repeated excessive exposure to clopyralid may aggravate preexisting lung disease. Prolonged overexposure may cause effects to the liver. Available data has shown little or no evidence of carcinogenicity. (Alligare Clopyralid 3 Material Safety Data Sheets – See Work & Safety Plan)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

Alternative 3 – Treatment with glyphosate. Exposure of glyphosate to eye and skin may cause slight irritation based on toxicity studies. Ingestion of glyphosate is slightly toxic based on toxicity studies. However, no significant adverse health effects are expected to develop if only small amounts (less than a mouthful) are swallowed. Toxicity of glyphosate is low if inhaled. There are no known medical conditions aggravated by exposure to glyphosate. Prolonged overexposure may cause effects to the liver. EPA has given glyphosate a Group E classification (evidence of non-carcinogenicity in humans). (AquaNeat Material Safety Data Sheet – See Work & Safety Plan)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by the IDNR prior to program implementation. That plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

Alternative 4 - Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl. Exposure of metsulfuron-methyl to eye and skin may cause irritation with discomfort, pain, redness, skin rash, itching or swelling of the skin, and visual impairment based on toxicity studies. Metsulfuron-methyl is not likely to be hazardous if inhaled or ingested. None of the components present in Escort XP at concentrations equal to or greater than 0.1% are listed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), National Toxicology Program (NTP), or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), as a carcinogen. (Escort Material Safety Data Sheet – See Work & Safety Plan) No information was found on medical conditions aggravated by exposure to metsulfuron-methyl.

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

**Alternative 5 – Treatment with triclopyr.** Triclopyr is corrosive and if exposed to the eye causes irreversible eye damage. Triclopyr is harmful is absorbed through the skin or swallowed. Do not get in eyes or on clothing. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause

allergic reactions in some individuals. (Alligare Triclopyr 3 and Alligare Triclopyr RTU Safety Data Sheets – See Work & Safety Plan)

A slight risk of an application accident or spill exists when conducting herbicide treatments. A work and safety plan is required by IDNR prior to program implementation. The plan outlines guidelines for herbicide loading and conditions for safe applications.

# Alternative 6 - Treatment with clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl and/or triclopyr.

The human health and safety consequences stated for alternatives 2, 3,4 and 5 apply to this alternative.

#### 4.3 Likelihood of Success of the Project (Issue 3).

Alternative 1 – No action (no proposed project). The objectives of this proposed project; 1) eradicate kudzu populations from the proposed treatment sites to prevent populations from spreading further north in the State of Indiana, 2) manage kudzu population growth in the proposed treatment sites in areas where eradication is not feasible, and 3) decrease kudzu leaf surface area to reduce potential reservoirs for invasive insects and pathogens, would not be met with this alternative.

**Alternative 2 – Treatment with clopyralid.** Success is likely with this alternative at all sites with varying density populations. However, 18 of the 53 proposed treatment sites have water sources located within the site and clopyralid alone cannot be used at those sites.

**Alternative 3 - Treatment with glyphosate.** Success is likely with this alternative at 41 of the 53 proposed treatment sites which have medium to low density populations. However, 12 of the proposed sites have high density populations and success is not likely at these sites.

**Alternative 4** – **Treatment with metsulfuron-methyl.** Success is likely with this alternative at low density sites that have been treated previously. However, broad spectrum treatments at all sites would increase the risk of non target injury.

**Alternative 5 – Treatment with triclopyr.** Success is likely with this alternative at all sites with varying density populations. However, broad spectrum treatments at all sites would increase the risk of non target injury.

Alternative 6 - Treatment with clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl and/or triclopyr. Project success is optimized with this alternative when treatment selection criteria are used to determine the use of clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron-methyl, triclopyr alone or in combination for each site. Treatment selection criteria used to evaluate each site are: 1) presence of susceptible non target species, 2) soil type, content and slope, 3) presence of water sources, 4) risk to human health and safety, and 5) likelihood of success.

Evaluation of one site (Clay-2 Site) with treatment over an approximate six year period has demonstrated that native vegetation returns after kudzu is removed.

Evaluation of treated sites shows 72.4% of sites have at least 90% suppression after 2-3 years of treatment.

# 4.4 Economic and Political Impacts of Treatment vs. Non-Treatment (Issue 4).

Alternative 1 – No action (no proposed project). If no action is taken, kudzu populations would continue to increase and there would likely be an increase of complaints from landowners who want to eliminate the invasive plant from their property. If sites are left to increase in size, it will take increased funds, labor, equipment and erosion work to treat sites once they are larger. The continued or increasing populations of kudzu may increase the need and cost for applications of fungicides and insecticides to control additional invasive species that use kudzu as a host. If no action is taken, kudzu may serve as a host plant for invasive species which can significantly affect soybean production yields. The soybean production industry in Indiana adds approximately \$2.8 billion to the state economy each year (Indiana Soybean Alliance 2011).

Alternative 2 (Treatment with clopyralid), 3 (Treatment with glyphosate), 4 (Treatment with metsulfuron methyl), 5 (Treatment with triclopyr) and, 6) Treatment with a combination of clopyralid, glyphosate, metsulfuron methyl and/or triclopyr. With these alternatives, the amount of kudzu leaf surface area would be reduced, decreasing availability of the kudzu to harbor invasive insect pests or disease and potentially decreasing additional pesticide use in the future. Populations would be managed, decreasing costs of control for private landowners and decreased use of land taken over by kudzu.

#### 4.5 Unavoidable Adverse Effects

No unavoidable adverse effects were identified for this proposed project.

#### 4.6 Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitments of Resources

An irretrievable commitment is one in which a resource product or use is lost for a period of time while managing for another (USDA 1995, Vol. II, p. 4-93).

Twenty-four sites have a low number of trees (Honey Locust, Black Locust, Eastern Redbud and Kentucky Coffeetree) in the family Fabaceae which are susceptible to the herbicide Clopyralid proposed for use at that site. Landowners have been informed of these potential losses and have expressed to IDNR that the benefit of removing kudzu from the site is greater than the adverse effect of potentially losing a few susceptible trees.

#### 4.7 Cumulative Effects

Cumulative effects (both direct and indirect) are the incremental impacts of the action when added to past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, which are collectively significant.

<u>See Table 4</u> below for a summary of the treatment history of the 2014 proposed treatment sites. Of the 53 proposed treatment sites, 9 sites have had no prior treatment.

The IDNR Environmental Unit reviewed the 2014 project and stated, "We do not recommend using clopyralid at the Sul-2 site, which is near the crawfish frog record." (Appendix B – Letter from IDNR Environmental Unit). In order to avoid impact to this species, clopyralid will not be used at this site. The site will be treated with triclopyr as a spot application and cut stump treatment.

Soil type, slope, erosion potential and pre-existing erosion of the sites have been evaluated in the decision making process to determine which herbicide would be used at each site to avoid herbicide runoff and leaching into nontarget areas.

Evaluation of the presence or absence of water sources at the proposed sites has been conducted and used in the decision making process to determine which herbicide would be used at each site to avoid water contamination and ensure proper use of herbicides according to product label requirements.

# Two beneficial cumulative effects were identified for this project:

- 1) Use of the Integrated Pest Management strategy for this proposed project will help manage and eradicate kudzu at these sites and lead to restoration of these sites to a more native plant species diversification.
- 2) The reduced leaf surface area resulting from the treatments will reduce the potential for kudzu populations to harbor invasive insects and pathogens.

In conclusion, no adverse cumulative effects were identified for this project.

Table 4. Summary of Treatment History of 2014 Proposed Treatment Sites by Year and Treatment Method\*.

County	2014 Site	Site Treatment History**			2014 Proposed		
	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Treatment Method
Clark	Clark-3			1		G	G
Clark	Clark-4			1	C	C	CG
Clark	Clark-5			1	C	C	CG
Clark	Clark-6			-	C	C	CG
Clark	Clark-7				С	С	CG
Clark	Clark-8						С
Crawford	Crawford-5				CG	CG	CG
Crawford	Crawford-6					С	С
Clay	Clay-1	С	C				M
Clay	Clay-2	С	C	CM	CM		M
Clay	Clay-3	G					G
Clay	Clay-5	С	CG	CG	CG	CGM	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-1	С	CG	CG	CG	CG	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-2	С	CG	CG	CG	CG	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-3			C	CG	CG	CGM

County	2014 Site		Site Tre	atment I	History*	**	2014 Proposed
	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Treatment Method
Dubois	Dubois-4			C	CG	CG	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-5					C	С
Dubois	Dubois-6					C	С
Floyd	Floyd-4					C	С
Gibson	Gibson-1				С	CG	CG
Gibson	Gibson-3				C	C	CG
Greene	Greene-5		-	-	-	-	С
Harrison	Harrison-6		-	-	C	C	CG
Harrison	Harrison-12					C	С
Jefferson	Jefferson-1			GM			GM
Jennings	Jennings-6	С	C		C	C	CGM
Jennings	Jennings-7	С	C	CG	C		CGM
Jennings	Jennings-8	С	C	M			M
Jennings	Jennings-12			C	C	C	CM
Jennings	Jennings-13						T
Jennings	Jennings-14						CT
Knox	Knox-1			-			С
Lake	Lak-1						CG
LaPorte	Laporte-1						CGM
LaPorte	Laporte-2						С
Lawrence	Lawrence-1	С					CGM
Lawrence	Lawrence-7		С	С	M		GM
Lawrence	Lawrence-11				С	CG	CG
Martin	Martin-5				C	CG	CG
Martin	Martin-6					C	CG
Martin	Martin-7						С
Morgan	Morgan-3			C	C	C	CG
Orange	Orange-2						С
Orange	Orange-3				C	C	CG
Owen	Owen-1	С	CG	CG	GM		GM
Posey	Posey-2				CG	CG	CG
Starke	Starke-1						G
Sullivan	Sullivan-1	С	С	CG	CG	CG	CGM
Sullivan	Sullivan-2			С	С	CG	T
Vigo	Vigo-1	С	С	CGM			GM
Warrick	Warrick-1	С	С	С	С	CG	CGM
Warrick	Warrick-2	С	С	С	CG	CG	CGM
Washington	Washington-1	CG	С	CG			T

\*Treatment Method:

C= Clopyralid G=Glyphosate

CG= Clopyralid + Glyphosate CGM= Clopyralid+Glyphosate+Metsulfuron methyl CM=Clopyralid + Metsulfuron methyl

GM= Glyphosate+Metsulfuron methyl

M= Metsulfuron methyl

T= Triclopyr
CT= Clopyralid + Triclopyr
\*\*Indicates previous treatment or partial treatment of the site and what treatment method was used.

Table 5. Summary of 2014 Proposed Treatment Sites by Acreage and Treatment Method\*.

County	2014 Site Name	Acreage	2014 Proposed Treatment Method
Clark	Clark-3	0.64	G
Clark	Clark-8	1.47	G
Clay	Clay-3	0.26	G
Starke	Starke-1	0.20	G
	(Total)	2.57	G
Casarfond	Crawford-6	0.22	C
Crawford		0.23	C
Dubois	Dubois-5	0.10	C
Dubois	Dubois-6	0.03	С
Floyd	Floyd-4	1.02	C
Greene	Greene-5	3.0	C
Harrison	Harrison-12	0.02	С
Knox	Knox-1	1.79	С
Lake	Lake-1	0.20	С
LaPorte	LaPorte-2	0.08	С
Martin	Martin-7	0.15	С
Orange	Orange-2	0.28	С
	(Total)	6.90	С
Clark	Clark-4	1.36	CG
Clark	Clark-5	0.32	CG
Clark	Clark-6	0.02	CG
Clark	Clark-7	0.37	CG
Crawford	Crawford-5	0.83	CG
Gibson	Gibson-1	1.66	CG
Gibson	Gibson-3	0.44	CG
Harrison	Harrison-6	2.69	CG
Lawrence	Lawrence-11	0.32	CG
Martin	Martin-5	0.32	CG
Martin	Martin-6	0.28	CG
Morgan	Morgan-3	1.45	CG
Orange		1.45	CG
	Orange-3 Posey-2	0.65	CG
Posey	(Total)	12.08	CG
	(====)		
Clay	Clay-5	7.00	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-1	1.20	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-2	2.41	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-3	0.05	CGM
Dubois	Dubois-4	0.43	CGM
Jennings	Jennings-6	1.57	CGM
Jennings	Jennings-7	2.30	CGM
LaPorte	LaPorte-1	0.16	CGM
Lawrence	Lawrence-1	1.62	CGM
Sullivan	Sullivan-1	1.25	CGM
Warrick	Warrick-1	1.67	CGM
Warrick	Warrick-2	7.92	CGM
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County	2014 Site Name	Acreage	2014 Proposed Treatment Method
Jefferson	Jefferson-1	0.23	GM
Lawrence	Lawrence-7	0.16	GM
Owen	Owen-1	0.34	GM
Vigo	Vigo-1	1.75	GM
	(Total)	2.48	GM
Clay	Clay-1	0.94	M
Clay	Clay-2	1.0	M
Jennings	Jennings-8	0.14	M
	(Total)	2.08	M
Jennings	Jennings-13	0.29	T
Sullivan	Sullivan-2	4.64	T
Washington	Washington-1	0.68	T
	(Total)	5.61	T
Jennings	Jennings-12	0.38	CM
-	(Total)	0.38	CM
Jennings	Jennings-14	1.67	CT
<b>-</b>	(Total)	1.67	CT

\*Treatment Method:

C= Clopyralid

G=Glyphosate

CG= Clopyralid + Glyphosate

CGM= Clopyralid+Glyphosate+Metsulfuron methyl

CM=Clopyralid + Metsulfuron methyl GM= Glyphosate+Metsulfuron methyl

M= Metsulfuron methyl

T= Triclopyr

CT= Clopyralid + Triclopyr

#### 4.8 Other Information

# Mitigation

The Indiana Kudzu Management Plan will implement the following safeguards and mitigating measures:

- Implementation of a Work and Safety Plan.
- Employees of state agencies monitoring the treatments will receive training on treatment methods to be able to answer questions from the public.
- Application equipment will be calibrated for accurate application of treatment material.
- Treatment application will not occur if rain is anticipated with 4 hours of completion of the application.
- Treatment will be avoided or stopped if winds are above 15 mph, as stated in the Work and Safety Plan.
- Herbicide applications used at all sites will not be applied directly to the water.
- Herbicides will be applied as to avoid contact with any headstones, grave markers, or memorials.

# **Monitoring**

- The applications will be monitored by IDNR personnel and the applicator will maintain the applications within the boundaries of the proposed treatment sites.
- IDNR personnel will complete a field record sheet for each site which states the climate and site conditions during the time of application.
- Sites will be visited post treatment by IDNR personnel to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment and document this information along with any additional changes in the site.

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